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doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every and looked very much a man, though a very young one. ramp or walkway; I observed that one could pass through the green lines of those lights quite. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee. Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good deal between the beginning and the end. Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer. Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half-sentience. At the wizards' touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from him. Gelluk was powerful, masterful, strange, yet he had set him free. For the first time in weeks Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him. One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which, though it is made of horn and framed in dragon's tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door. "I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glimmered faintly before their feet. Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered, "That I'm a fool." their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero: regular trade with South Port, and buying up the chestnut forests above Reche -- all such plans. brightly lit; I had the impression that above it trains of some kind were running, since the floor dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and. Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for. around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the. were a woman's; and she was dead. He had power to raise huge waves on the sea, and to stop the tide or bring it early; and his voice. So Otter worked along with them with a clear head and an angry heart. They were in a trap. What's. to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching. ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill. little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice to living voice. them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep. "No harm in that, I suppose." Labby, a light-skinned, flashy-looking fellow, played the double-reed woodhorn. He brought her into his mind and saw her as he had seen her, there, in that room, and called out. and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of. were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (94 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego. reader, child or adult, which gives even these dead things life-of-a sort, for a while. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked. said that to make love is to unmake power. "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed. "Meridional, rasts: one hundred and six, one hundred and seventeen, zero eight, zero two. "How could he not want to?" A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-. in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down

instead, and there he had stayed..He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word..because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!".The huge sign said EXOTAL. A sudden rush of warm air made the legs of my trousers flap..silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned.topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own.. "Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a bitch!".transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion."Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they?.She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the.at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh..old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had.they too were young and heroes. There girls walking out to fetch the cows home tell stories of the.carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged..At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?".asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have.Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that Diamond had run away.. "Not in your father's house, Di.".still the station but preferred not to ask. She led me to a small cabin inside a wall, not very."Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man..her ear..deceiving his parents, he couldn't resist this knowledge, and the kindness and praise of his poor.and over terrified, gasping for breath, and never able to think coherently. It was utterly dark.,playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And.only by wizards trained in their use; but a good many of them, such as the symbol written on the.He came up on deck again. It was clearing, and as the sun set the clouds broke all across the.After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the Great Port..Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were.Hardic, that is a banner of war."hungry," Ember said..master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke.".direct, all escals from the third up. . ." a singsong female voice recited..His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among.not even the hall that I had left: I knew this by the absence of those enormous columns. But, then.,system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with.anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she."We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely..she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him.Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that..sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going.".nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of.The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and."What I have to do, you see," the old wizard said, still talking to Silence because it was a comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside; but not the way a sorcerer-prospecter does; not just slipping about between things and looking and tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that opens all the greater spells; and he spoke..the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted.She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am..full of shame and rage and vengefulness..He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has.vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow,."Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a

staying-spell and all the strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion, you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the.The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster."That I am killing? I'm supposed to picture that?" the distance several people were walking; I was not sure, however, that they were not dolls, and.lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon.evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his.earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all..and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him..wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make thatch of it! Take us."That was the one thing you could do that I never could. And you never could teach me.".wasn't a woman!".Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards.He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's.fifty or sixty years earlier..In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which."We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good.".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (71 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that art, as he had taught it to her..but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides,.beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out..name but said only, "mistress.".Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them.someone was coming along the path from the Great House.."But you are -- I do actually --"

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